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State Health Department Reports Deaths and Injuries Related to Flood Activities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is reporting two deaths and 50 injuries related to flood activities, according to state epidemiologist Kirby Kruger.

As of Friday, March 27, 2009, the following had been reported to the Department of Health from hospitals and clinics statewide:

- Two cardiac deaths related to flood prevention exertion
- Fifty flood-related injuries ranging from wrist and ankle injuries to motor vehicle accidents due to washed out roads
- Eleven flood related illnesses including mental health issues, carbon monoxide poisoning, cardiac related events and one report of gastrointestinal illness.

The North Dakota Department of Health urges residents to think about safety and take precautionary measures when preparing for and cleaning up after a flood. Information on a variety of topics can found at the North Dakota Department of Health website at www.ndhealth.gov/flood or on the Division of Emergency Services website at www.nd.gov/des.

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